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MAN, WOMAN OF YEAR BANQUET TONIGHT

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Wildfires Reveal More Equipment Needs

The normal January through April spring wildfire season in Alabama began with unusual severity due to rainfall deficiencies, high winds, and low humidities. The situation became progressively worse daily from February 4, culminating on February 23, when 336 fires destroyed 31,000 acres in one day. At the peak of the emergency, over 4,000 persons, including forest industry, company and individual landowners, volunteers, and state employees, and National Guardsmen were assisting in the suppression effort. Acreage losses from February 4 to February 23 were estimated at 176,000 acres burned. This did not include 56,200,000 damage to timber values alone. Thirty-five houses, a church, a school, a manufacturing plant, and various other structures were burned by wildfires at an estimated property loss of \$1,027,000. In all, fires destroyed \$105 million worth of future and present business for Alabama during this period. This figure is based on the loss to Alabama's economy from the harvesting and processing of the burned timber values.

The basic cause for the recent wildfire losses in the state is the critical lack of wildfire control capability by the Alabama Forestry Commission. The inadequacies were known in advance, but a static budget and mounting inflationary pressures had reduced and restricted the agency's capabilities. Manpower and equipment on hand simply were not sufficient to handle multiple fire occurrences.

Another inadequacy noted during the recent outbreak of fires was in communications. Radio traffic was so heavy during the period that it was very difficult to get vital messages through. Also, once a crew left their transport vehicle all communications with that crew were severed.

An extremely valuable contribution in many counties was provided by some 300 rural community fire departments by the volunteers' assistance. Coffee County has no rural fire departments because such a plan was voted down by the County Commission.

Law enforcement during the period of February 4-23 reached an all-time high. Employees of the Alabama Forestry Commission were aided by state offices with police power. Twenty-nine people who violated State Forestry laws were arrested, and some were charged with third-degree arson.

The recent wildfire emergency opened the eyes of many people throughout the state, and clearly showed a need for greater state participation in forestry policy.

Chamber Of Commerce Formed Here Tuesday

Elba again has a Chamber of Commerce. A group of interested citizens met Tuesday night at the elementary school and got the organization started again with the selection of a committee. First job of the committee will be to secure a temporary chairman, set objectives and contact the state chamber and others who needed information for the success of the organization in Elba.

During discussions, those attending expressed a desire to work toward making Elba a better place to live for the people already here, while preserving the small-town friendly atmosphere. It was generally agreed that with these objectives, the community would naturally attract other people who liked what they saw and wanted to be a part of it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, again at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Additional interested citizens are expected to attend this meeting, having promised to clear conflicting obligations to do so.

Those who volunteered to serve on the initial steering committee are: Glen Vaughn, Mike Russell, Steve Johnson, Jimmy Hurnaby, and Jessie (Mrs. Herschel) Taylor.

City To Get Funds For Airport Work

Mayor Robert Folsom announced Tuesday that Elba had been approved for a \$13,500 grant from the Alabama Aeronautics Board for the resurfacing of the Elba Airport. Mr. Jim Rowe of the state board confirmed the grant in a telephone conversation with City Clerk Jack Prescott.

The city had requested funds to resurface 800 feet of the North end of the North-South runway that is badly cracked. The estimated cost of this is \$8,000. However, state engineers noted that the entire airport needed work and these funds will allow three coats of 'seal' on the bad area and one coat on the good area. Some excavations cause temporary disruption of traffic, and there are occasional streets - spots which will be smoothed after the program is complete.

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Smith said this 400-mile transmission (supply) line, which has been cathodically protected since it was constructed in 1954-55.

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Work has been completed in several Gas District member cities, Smith said, including Ft. Deposit, Headland, and Abbeville, and in three franchised cities, Daleville, Gantt and Newton.

Crews will move on as they complete each city until all 14 member cities and all 11 franchised cities have full cathodic protection.

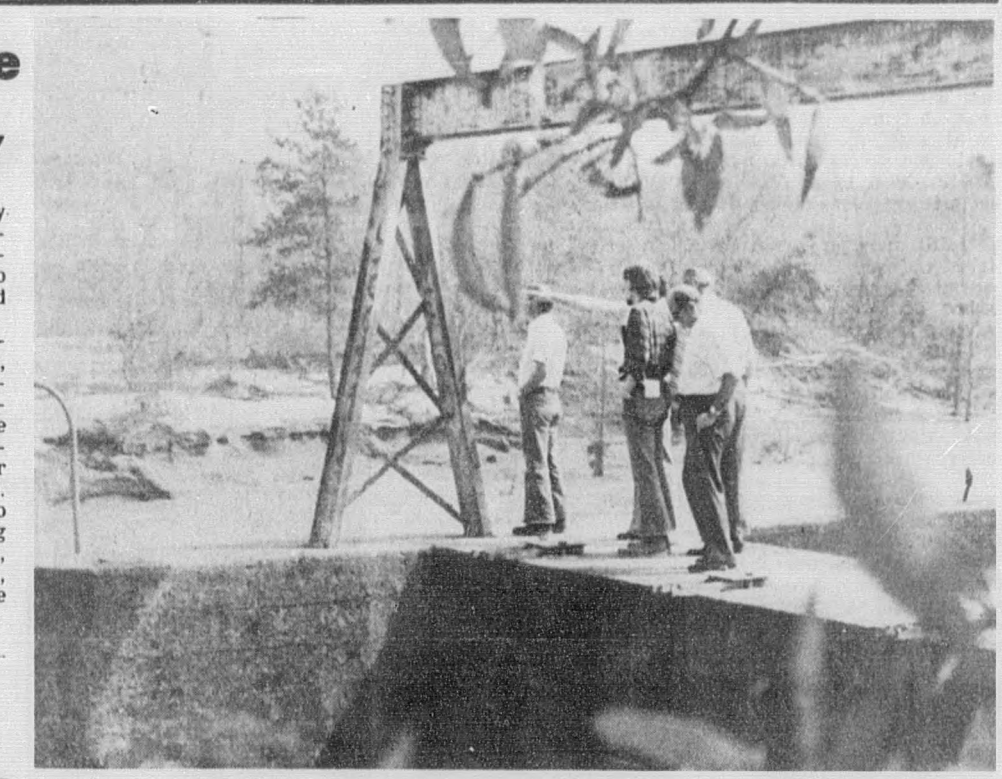
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City officials show dam site to Army Engineers

Gas Company Works To Prevent Fuel Waste

Natural gas is too precious a natural resource to waste. To eliminate waste of natural gas through underground leakage, and further tighten the long-term safety of its distribution system, the Southeast Alabama Gas District is engaged in a giant cathodic protection program.

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City Pushing For Help With River

Representatives of the U.S. Corp of Engineers visited Elba last Wednesday (March 16) at the request of Mayor Robert Folsom. The purpose was to check into the possibility of working on improving the flood control in the area plus the possibility of a feasibility study of re-opening the Pea River power plant for the generation of electricity.

Representing the Corp of Engineers from Mobile was spokesman, John W. Woolsey, who is no stranger to Elba, having been here immediately after the last flood and again last summer helping plan ways to prevent standing water in town, and thus reduce the number of mosquitoes. He was accompanied by Art Dohman, Elba Mayor, and City Engineer, Mike Russell, City Clerk, Mike Russell, City Clerk, Jack Prescott and representatives of THE ELBA CLIPPER. Following the office meeting and lunch, the group toured the old dam site and inspected the area of Elba before departing. Prescott agreed to mail them Donald Baum, a newspaper reporter, to assist them with their report.

Mrs. Flowers Certified As Manager

Mary C. Flowers, Executive Director of the Elba Housing Authority has been named a Certified Housing Manager by the National Housing Association. She was the 64th person in the United States to receive the title. Her certificate is dated February 26, 1977.

To earn the title Mrs. Flowers had to complete a list of professional requirements that included schooling, examinations, etc.



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None Hurt In Two Car Accident

A two car accident Thursday morning did damage to the two cars involved, but there were no injuries. The drivers were Thomas A. Whitener, age 20, of Tampa, Florida, and Mrs. Cathy B. Simmons of Elba. Damage to Whitener's 1973 Toyota were estimated at \$400 and damage to Simmons' 1967 Chevrolet were slightly less, according to police investigators. Investigating officer was Donald Baum. No charges were filed in the accident that occurred on the Troy Highway in front of National Security Insurance.

Science Fair Planned For Kinston High

The Kinston Science Fair will be Sunday, March 27 from 2 until 4 p.m. in the Kinston High Auditorium. The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

Sheriff Moves Five From County Jail

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Those transferred and the crimes of which they were convicted are: Jerome Merritt, assault to rape - ten years; Henry Bell, first degree murder - life in prison; Willie Knight, armed robbery - 17 years; Clarence Miller and Larry Myles (who are half-brothers) - armed robbery - ten years; Miller also received a nine-year sentence for sodomy.

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Square Dance Demonstration Set March 31

A square dance demonstration will be held Thursday, March 31, 8 p.m. at the Elba Rec Center. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no admission fee.

Serving as co-director for "The Music Man" is Julian Thompson of the Enterprise High School Art Department, and serving as musical director for the second year is Mr. Tom Maddox, director of the Enterprise Wildcat Band.

Advance tickets may be purchased from the Enterprise High School office or from Rex in Elba.

Lions Club Plans Outstanding Honor

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The "Boy of the Year" will be selected from candidates of the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Qualifications to be considered are: academic standing; poise and appearance; athletic ability; extra-curricular activities and leadership; service to others in school; character; exceptional achievements.

The selection committees will be composed of three Elba

Directs Play At Enterprise

Rex Bryan, a teacher in the Fine Arts Department of Enterprise High School, will direct the Broadway musical, "The Music Man" on the Enterprise High School stage March 31, April 1 and 2. This will be the fourth Broadway show Rex has directed in as many years.

"All the plays were tremendous successes, and all were well-out productions," said Bryan.

"We began in 1974 to bring big-name shows to our area with 'Hello, Dolly!' in 1975 we did 'Bye Bye Birdie' and last year was our biggest success with 'My Fair Lady,' stated Bryan.

"But this year, 'The Music Man' should be even better. In all, there are well over 100 students involved in the staging of 'The Music Man.' This includes 42 on-stage parts, a 21-member orchestra, and the others are the support crews.

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Ten Little Turtles Sitting On A Pine - One Jumped Off

Several turtles are shown sunning themselves during our recent onset of beautiful spring weather.

BRAINSTORMS

With Fern Cox

There have been proposals by authorities to set minimum standards for a person to receive a certificate to teach school in Alabama or even to arrive for a teaching degree. Arguments against this also make some good points, but personally I feel editor thinks this action is long overdue. Much has been done in the last few years to better equip teachers to do their jobs, but still the good teacher must carry some of the blanket criticism of the public because of the teacher who is simply not qualified and/or doesn't care. At one time schools had to take anybody with or without the needed certificate, but now there are highly qualified people who can't get a job teaching because of an over-supply of teaching graduates; therefore, now is the time to raise the standards.

The proposed ban on saccharin has caused a lot of concern among those who must have the artificial sweetener and those who use it to aid their fight against excessive fat. We are convinced that the amount ingested by the rats that got bladder cancer probably is dangerous, but that large amount of ANYTHING would be dangerous to their health. Reportedly a human would have to drink 800 diet drinks a day for life to equal the amount that caused three additional rats to get cancer. It is all over, the U.S. Congress will step in and either make it okay to use saccharin or will demand additional testing before it is finally banned. That is operating on a long trip, it is almost impossible to look at plans any other way just because of other matters where the public gets in an uproar.

My family and I drove through Plains, Georgia, last Friday - straight through! We didn't stop and buy the little gifts of peanuts and such, nor did we ride on either one of the tour buses plodding down the highway. It is amazing to think back to the days when there was rarely a car moving when we drove through the little town, and now to see the mob of motorists, indicates I guess if we had never seen it, we would react the same way, but having considered it another mile up on a long trip, it is almost impossible to look at plans any other way just because of other matters where the public gets in an uproar.

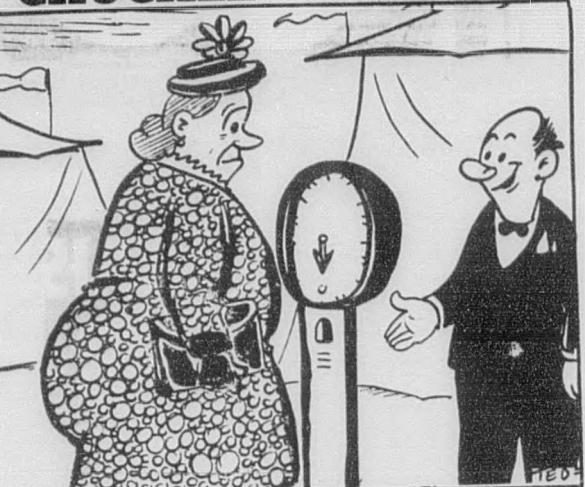
I understand a neighbor of mine got a bit upset because I was out of town Friday night. Young Buddy Clark had been "helping" John W. Sharpless drain a fish pond and had come up out of the mud with a nine-and-a-half-pound bass and wanted his picture taken. The description we received, however, indicates that Buddy had his hands full hugging up that big fish and all the muddy water that came with it; we probably couldn't have seen him at all in the picture.

I sure hate Sharpless drained that pond. The fish there were always hungry and were fun to catch. He was kind of fussy about who fished there, but is a sucker for children, and therefore, some of us daddys got to go also (to supervise our children).

The price of coffee is apparently going up every week. The talk of not drinking the stuff sounds good except... I need at least one cup every morning and even more when it is cold weather and I am out in the wind with a fishing pole. During those times, no price is too high for a cup of the piping hot bean juice.

The contrast of Elba and Montgomery is evidenced in the number of persons in the political races. Elba had three candidates for mayor and the number in Montgomery is 47! This is to fill an unexpired term. There is no telling how many would have qualified if it had been for a full term. It is conceivable for a person to get several hundred votes and end up being at least forty of these candidates (or even getting into a run-off).

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BPW meets the 2nd Monday of each month.

Lions Club Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights 7 p.m. Halley's Restaurant.

The Pilot Club meets on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 at the Big R.

American Legion meets 1st Tuesday at Legion Home at 7:00.

Water & Electric Board - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Weight Watchers next meeting place - Courthouse Court room at 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The BRDC Office on Putnam Street invites participation in the ceramic glazing classes each Wednesday afternoon.

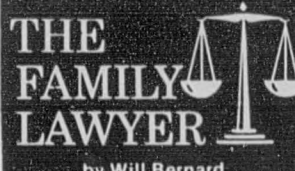
Rotary Club - each Monday at noon. Country Club.



SMILE - SMILE - SMILE - SMILE

These four Opp High School students are rehearsing for this weekend's performances of Meredith Wilson's musical comedy, "The Music Man." Cur-

tain time will be 7:30 p.m. for both the Friday night and Saturday night shows in the Opp High School Auditorium. Kneel-



Request to Bowser

In her will, dog lover Agatha left a bequest of \$1,000 in cash to her beloved Bowser. But when the will was tested in the court, this clause was thrown out. The court said an animal cannot "take" under a will because it has no legal capacity to own property.



Most courts would probably rule the same way in case of a direct bequest to a pet. In fact, even when money has been left indirectly in the form of a trust for, some courts have still found fault.

For example: A man left money in trust for his pet parrot, naming a friend as trustee. But again the court found the trust unenforceable. The court pointed out that with no human beneficiary, there was no one to take action in case the trustee did not choose to carry out his responsibilities.

On the other hand, a bequest for the benefit of animals in general is usually upheld as a "charitable" trust. As such, it can be enforced by a governmental agency.

A bequest for the relief of "hungry, thirsty, abused and neglected horses, dogs and cats" was challenged by relatives of the deceased, who called it frivolous.

But the court upheld the bequest as a valid charitable trust. One judge explained as follows the law's favorable attitude toward this kind of arrangement:

"A gift for the protection of animals tends to encourage kindness toward them, to discourage cruelty, and to ameliorate the condition of the brute creation, and thus to stimulate generous sentiments in man toward the lower animals, and promote feelings of humanity and morality generally, and thus elevate the human race."

A public service feature of the American Bar Association and the Alabama State Bar Association.

Elba Girl In Birmingham Hospital

Nancy Ann Johnson, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson, is in a Birmingham hospital seriously ill. The father and mother are at the bedside of the sick child, and the other five children are with relatives.

A fund has been set up at each of the local banks for the mounting bills the family is incurring. Johnson is an employee of the City of Elba. The girl is in Room 504, Children's Hospital, Birmingham.

King Mongkut of Siam (the real king of "The King and I") had 9,000 wives and concubines!

Thirteen Tips For Women

Thirteen can be a lucky number for women motorists who travel at night. They'll have safer, more trouble-free trips if they follow these precautions:

1. Always lock your doors, both when you're away from your car and driving.
2. Travel with your fuel tank at least half full so that you won't run out of gas.
3. Park under a light in a shopping center, parking area or on the street.
4. Approach your car from an angle which allows you to check underneath it for waiting assailants.
5. Check the inside of your car before unlocking the doors. Someone with a passkey may have gained entrance and be waiting for you.
6. Tell someone at home your estimated time of arrival so that if you're late, he or she can check your travel route and/or alert the authorities.
7. Plan alternate routes in case of traffic or weather tie-ups. Drive these routes during daylight, if possible, so that your alternate route won't be in unfamiliar neighborhoods.
8. Drive in the center lane when possible, avoiding
9. Listen to your radio (or CB) for traffic conditions.
10. Use your flashers at the first sign of trouble, even while you're still driving in the traffic lanes.
11. Carry handkerchiefs, flashers, or some means to alert traffic you're disabled, and learn to raise the hood of your vehicle to signal trouble.
12. Remain in your car with your windows closed and doors locked until a wrecker, police car, or other safety vehicle approaches to help.
13. Keep your car properly maintained and in good running condition. Check the fluid levels (coolant, transmission and brake fluids, engine oil, wiper fluid, and water in battery) frequently. Make sure your windshield blades work properly. The heating and defrosting systems are operating to keep the tires have correct pressure and enough tread to provide traction on slippery surfaces.

Morton says that, of course, these thirteen thoughtful travel tips apply to men as well as women motorists and to daytime as well as at night.

CANCER ANSWER LINE

American Cancer Society
Alabama Division
Comprehensive Cancer Center
University of Alabama
in Birmingham

A women's club president asks: "Does it matter how long a woman took DES drugs during pregnancy for there to be a cancer danger for her daughter?"

ANSWERLINE: For readers who may not be familiar with this subject, DES is an abbreviation for types of synthetic hormone drugs once given to pregnant women who were in danger of bleeding, miscarriage, or were diabetic. A very rare type of cancer has been found in a small number of their daughters, and the drug is no longer given to pregnant women. There does not appear to be a relationship between the length of time the drug was taken and the effect on the offspring. However, studies have shown that it matters when the drug was taken -- particularly if it was taken during the first five months of pregnancy. If you are asking this question because you took DES or one of your club members did, it is wise to discuss the matter with a physician.

***A female attorney explains: "Three years ago I had a mastectomy and while I am happy to say that my health is fine, I have never adjusted to wearing an artificial breast. What about plastic surgery?"

ANSWERLINE: The first person you should ask is the surgeon or physician who is in charge of your medical treatment. For some women, it is possible to reconstruct a missing breast using a special implant and operative techniques, even years after the original surgery. Your physician should be able to refer you to a plastic surgeon who can explain what you can realistically expect from a reconstructive procedure.

***A social studies teacher notes: "My geography class would be interested to know: Does where you live have an influence on cancer?"

ANSWERLINE: Geography and cancer is an interesting subject because the occurrence of a particular form of cancer can vary from country to country -- for example, breast cancer is a major U.S. health problem, but is far less of a danger to women in Japan. Also, the National Institutes of Health recently completed a study of geographical patterns of cancer death rates within the U.S. for whites, blacks, American Indians, Japanese and Chinese. There was a striking similarity in where particular forms of cancer were recorded. There were generally higher rates of cancers of the breast, colon, rectum and esophagus in Northern states and lower rates of these diseases in the South.

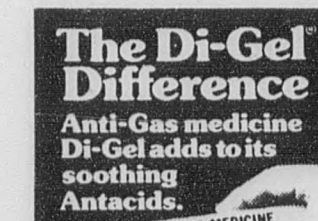
Cancer of the larynx, bladder and ovary also had above average rates in the North. Such studies are important in determining possible environmental factors in cancer.

The American Cancer Society, a Cancer Prevention study covering a million persons in major regions of the nation and this information bank offers another way to analyze where cancers occur and why. If your class would like to do a project on this subject or obtain a map of cancer rates in the 50 states and a chart of cancer rates around the world, ask your local American Cancer Society or write to American Cancer Society, 2726 Central Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35202, for free copies of "Cancer Facts and Figures 1977."

Annual Bluegrass

Festival Set At Basin

The second semi-annual Coffee County Bluegrass Festival will be held in the Basin Community between Elba and Opp April 1, 2 and 3rd. Master of ceremonies will be Reid Porter of Ft. Walton, FL. Featured entertainment will be Charlie Cline and The Lone-some Pine Fiddlers, the Lower Forty Grass of Montgomery, Columbus Stockade Express of Columbus, Ga., Merle Jordan and The Happy Travelers of Bay Minette, Ala., the Dixie



Admission charges are \$3.00 per person for Friday and Saturday, \$4.00 on Saturday, or \$7.00 for the entire weekend. Children under 12 admitted free.

Signs will be posted to direct traffic to the festival site off Highway 84.

For more information, call Rayford or Nell Sparr, Rt. 3, Box 375, Opp, AL 36467.



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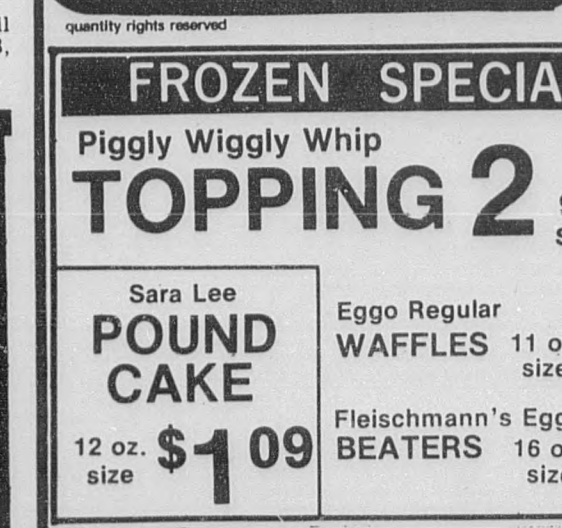
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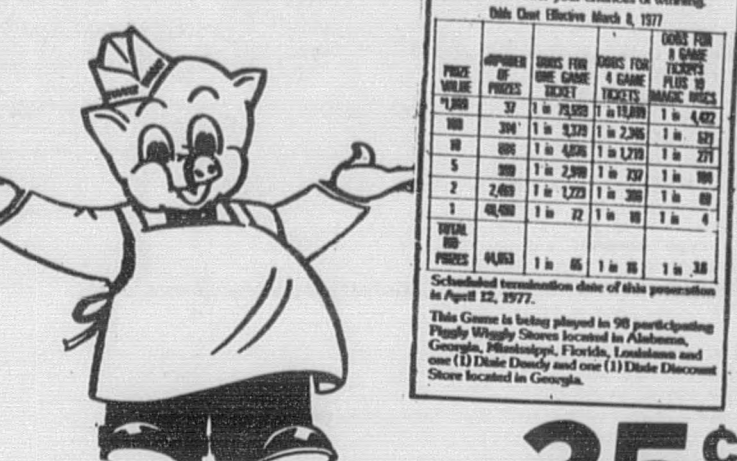
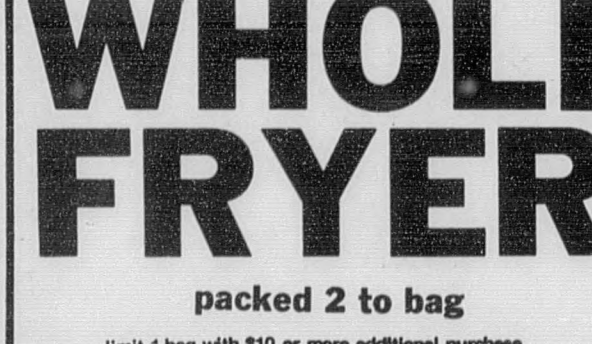
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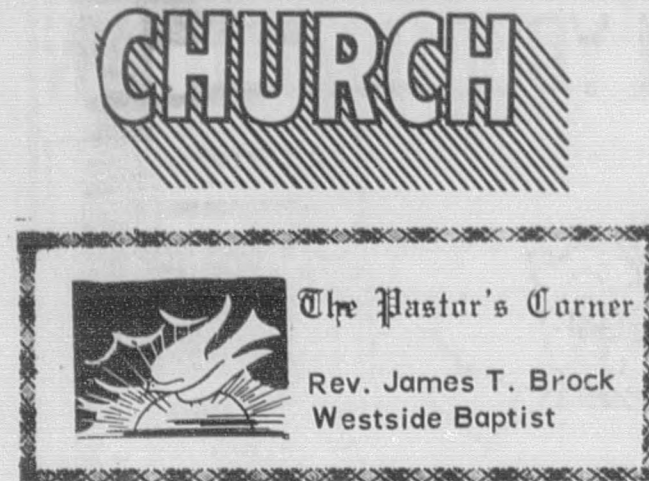
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PLANTING AND REAPING

Few people are not inspired by the sunshine and rain to do a little planting in the Springtime. Perhaps most of us fall by the wayside in our gardening when the hot days come, but nonetheless we love the feel of the fresh, moist earth in the Spring.

Planting now is essential if flowers are to bloom, fruit trees produce, and vegetables bear in the months ahead. You cannot wait until time for roses to bloom to plant, fertilize and cultivate the bushes. Certainly, this principle of planting in time to reap is true in the spiritual realm as well as in the plant world.

The Psalmist wrote, "He that goeth forth with weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." Those of us who are involved in the work of the Kingdom of God must be constantly involved in the planting process if we are to see the harvest. We must also remember that the process cannot be reversed if it must follow the natural order -- planting and then reaping.

In the lovely and instructive parable of the seed and the sower, Jesus put special emphasis on the seed that was planted. The object of the parable has largely to do with how the seed is received and how there is nonetheless, the necessity that the right kind of seed be sown. Accomplished gardeners know the importance of choosing the right kind of seed that have been properly gathered and preserved.

We have a peculiar responsibility to see to it that the seed of the Word of God is planted in the hearts and minds of those with whom we come in contact. We will never produce abundant Christian lives among our converts unless we are sure that the right seed

is planted and properly cultivated. No one has a larger or more important responsibility than the one who is doing the planting of the seed. Those who teach need to accept seriously the tremendous importance of what they are doing, for, indeed, they are planting the seed that will produce the harvest in years to come.

Not only are the seeds to be sown in the hearts of new converts, but also, on the individual level, we are all sowing the seed in our own lives that will produce the harvest -- good or bad. The Apostle Paul observed, "Whoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." We are today in the process of becoming what we will be tomorrow by the kind and quality of the seed we are planting in our own lives. We cannot wait until the decisive moments of life and suddenly become the full grown Christians we need to be to face the crisis. No, we must sow now and wait patiently as God produces the harvest in our lives. Let us beware then that we carefully plant, for we shall have to live with the harvest we produce.

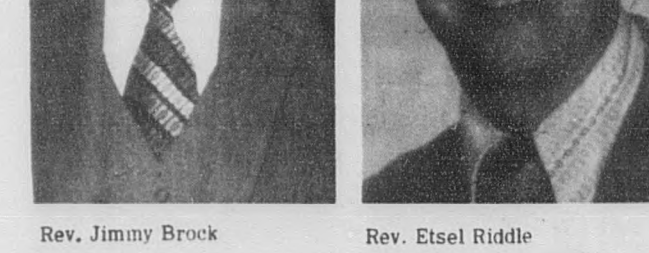
Once again this Spring, the farmers will begin the age old and ageless process of planting and reaping. So, too, in our hearts, let us commit ourselves to the same principle.

Singing At Elba Assembly Of God

There will be a gospel singing at the Elba Assembly of God Church March 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Featured groups will be the Singing Pilgrims and the Davis Family of Lenoire.

Everyone is invited.



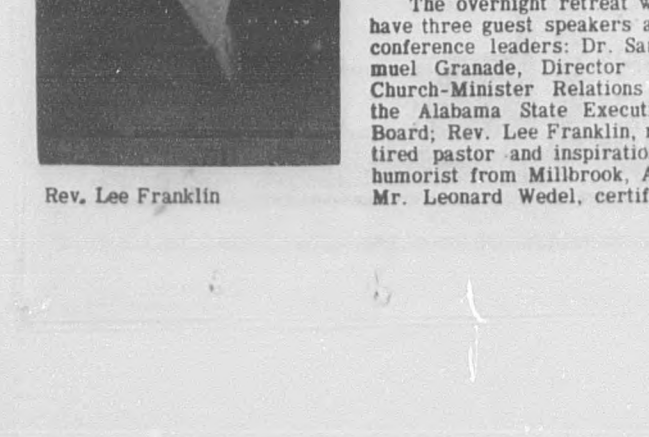
Rev. Jimmy Brock



Rev. Etzel Riddle



Rev. Sam Grande



Mr. Leonard Wedel



Rev. Lee Franklin



Westside Breaks Ground For New Activities Building

For nearly a year, the Westside Baptist Church of Elba has been planning and praying for an activities building. Those plans and prayers were brought to fruition on Sunday, March 20, as ground was broken for the new building.

Following the morning worship hour, the congregation met on the site of the new building as the pastor turned the first spadeful of ground. Following the ground-breaking, the congregation formed a large circle around the site and sang "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds."

Mr. Ronnie Ross, Chairman of the Deacons, led the prayer of dedication.

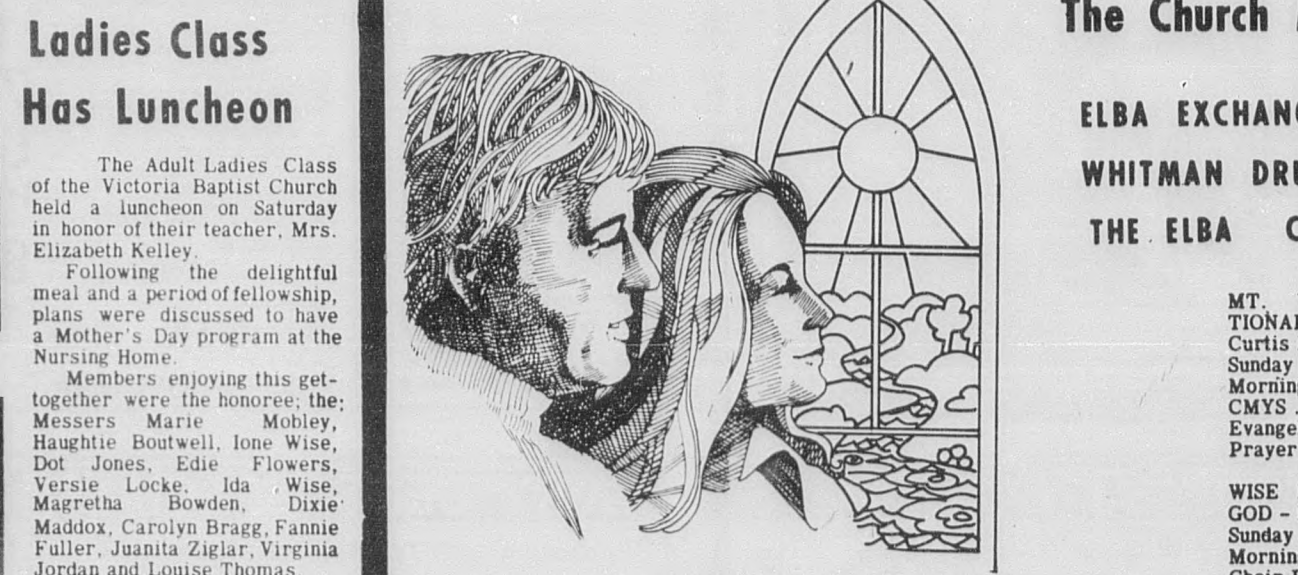
Construction is expected to begin immediately on the building. It will be 100 x 70' and will be located on the church property between the two houses owned by the church. When completed, the building will house recreational facilities, educational space, fellowship hall, and a large commercial type kitchen. One feature will be a full-sized basketball court. Also, there will be room to house the enlarged Sunday School enrollment at Westside.

The building will be constructed by the Mitchell Engineering Corporation of Pensacola, Fla., and the interior will be completed by local contractors Winford Padgett and Harold Spicer.

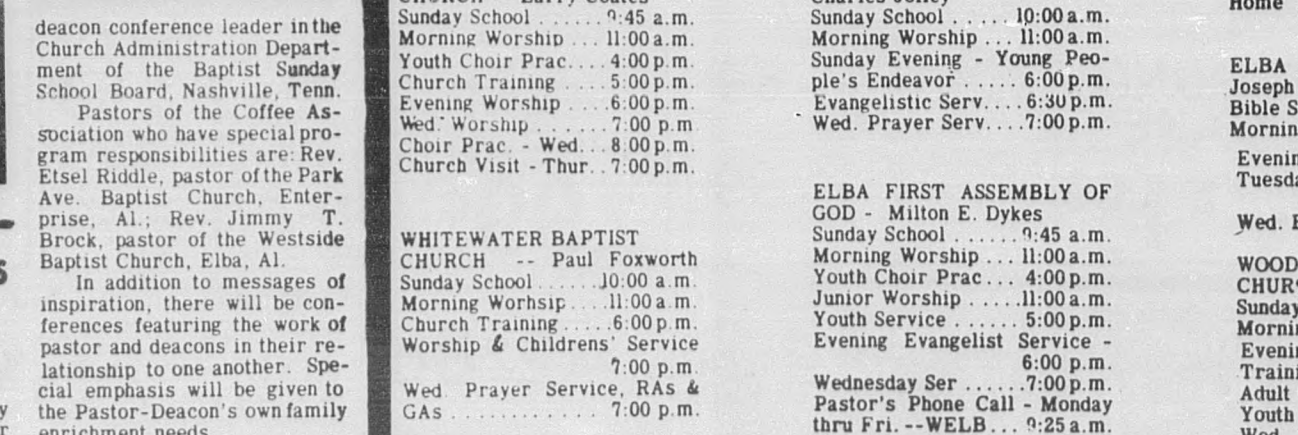
Overall construction is expected to take from four to six months, and the estimated cost with furnishings is \$100,000.

The Activities Building Planning Committee was made up of Ernestine Ellensberg, Carolyn Kelley, Jimmy Hornsby, Robert Newton, Harold Moody, Harold Spicer, and Winford Padgett.

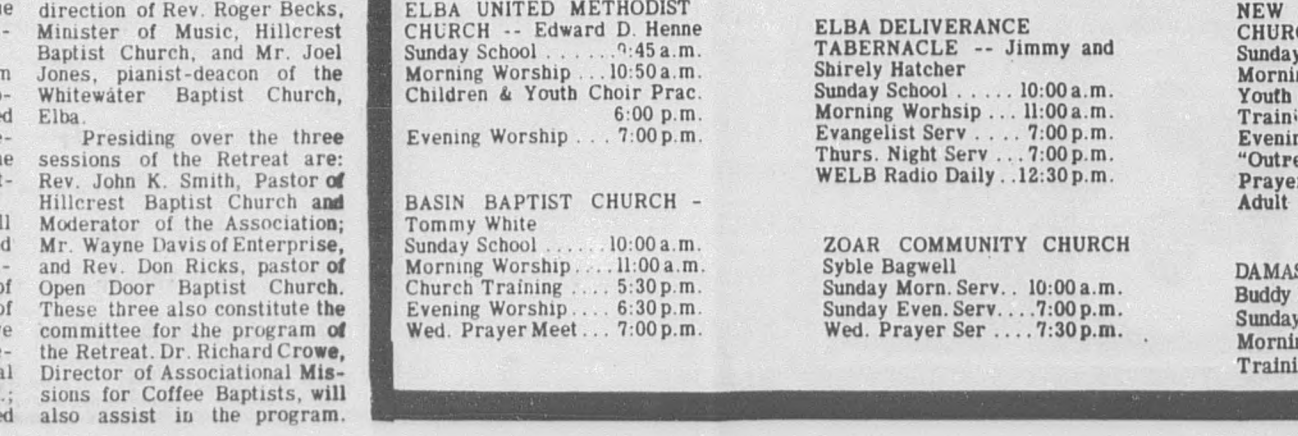
The Building Committee, selected from the above group, is composed of Winford Padgett, Harold Spicer, and Robert Newton, Chairman. Plans call for the building to be completed in four to six months.



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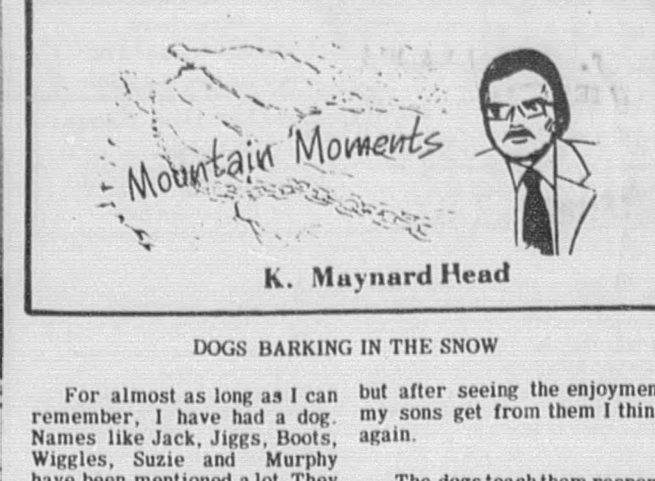
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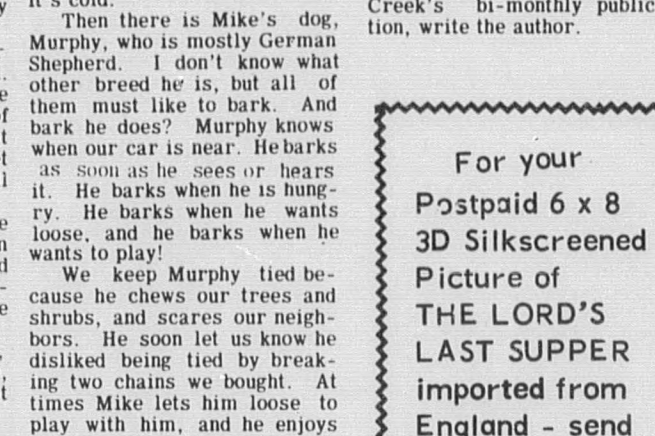
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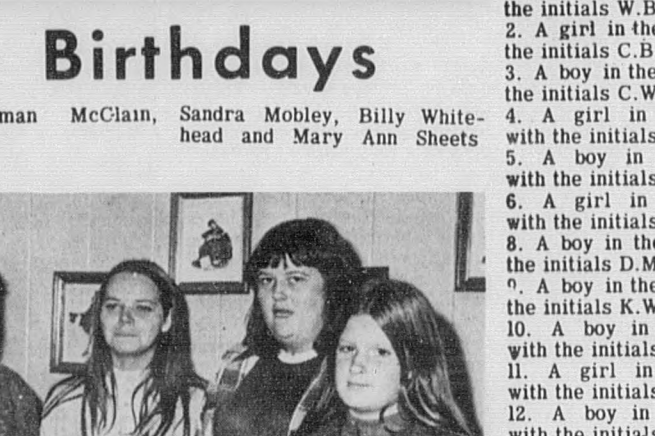
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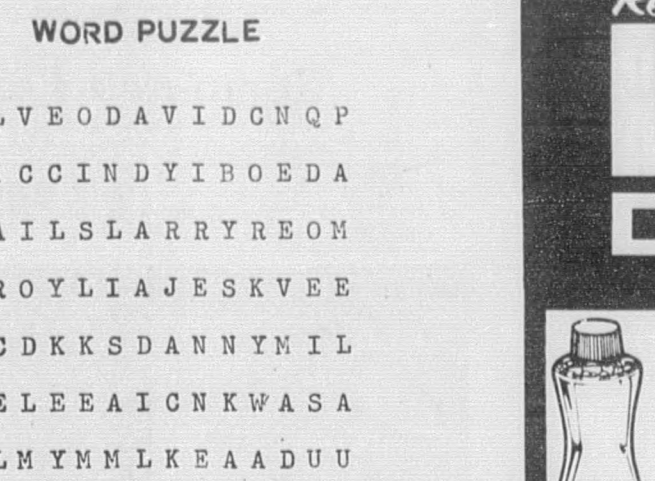
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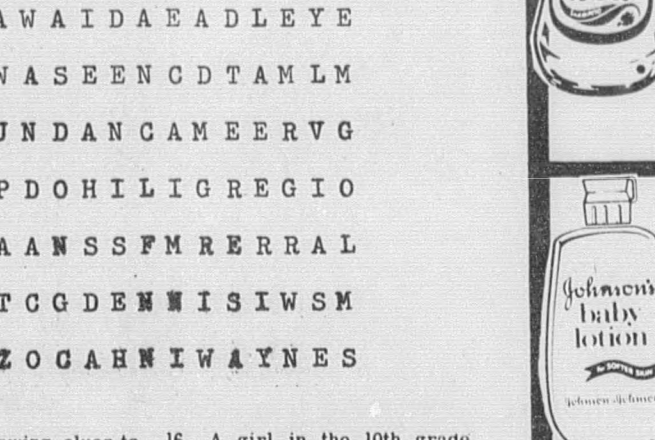
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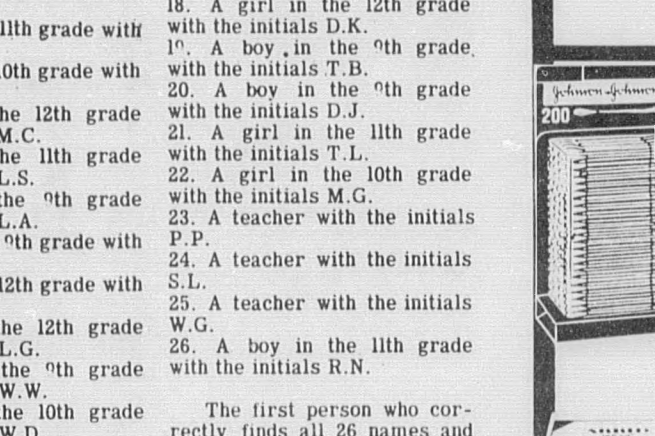
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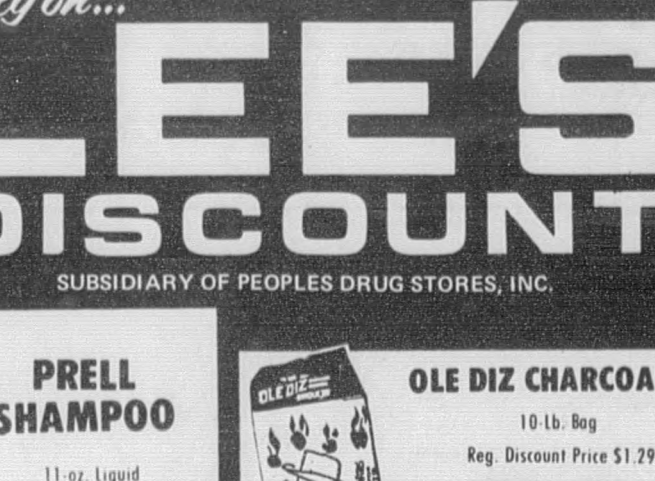
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WORD PUZZLE

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Use the following clues to locate names in the word puzzle.

1. A boy in the 10th grade with the initials W.B.
2. A girl in the 11th grade with the initials C.B.
3. A boy in the 10th grade with the initials C.W.
4. A girl in the 12th grade with the initials L.S.
5. A boy in the 11th grade with the initials L.A.
6. A girl in the 9th grade with the initials D.M.
7. A boy in the 12th grade with the initials K.W.
8. A girl in the 10th grade with the initials W.D.
9. A girl in the 10th grade with the initials J.C.
10. A girl in the 8th grade with the initials P.G.
11. A girl in the 8th grade with the initials M.S.
12. A boy in the 10th grade with the initials L.L.
13. A boy in the 10th grade with the initials G.E.
14. A girl in the 12th grade with the initials D.K.
15. A boy in the 9th grade with the initials T.B.
16. A boy in the 9th grade with the initials D.J.
17. A girl in the 11th grade with the initials T.L.
18. A girl in the 10th grade with the initials M.G.
19. A teacher with the initials P.P.
20. A teacher with the initials W.G.
21. A boy in the 11th grade with the initials R.N.

The first person who correctly finds all 26 names and brings the paper to the typing room to Mrs. Bryant, will win a dollar. Any person who sees a newspaper before they are delivered and sold at recess at Zion Chapel is ineligible.

Here are Zion Chapel's Birthdays -- Brenda Jackson, Brenda Davis, Brenda Walker, Brenda Bedsole, Brenda Archie, Brenda Johnson, Brenda Grimes, Brenda Rothwell and Brenda Mobley.

What's In A Name?

Have you ever wondered what name is most repeated in our school? Well, the editors of the REBEL NEWS did so, we decided to take a survey to see what Zion Chapel's most popular name might be. After we found out what names were most often repeated we

decided we wanted to know the origin and meanings of those names. We borrowed a name dictionary from Lisa Ammons and what we found was so interesting that we decided to share it with everybody.

The name most often found at Zion Chapel is Brenda. It stems from the masculine Brand which means "a sword or firebrand." It is a popular name for girls that has become more and more frequently used. It has also taken on an additional meaning, "dark haired."

A boy's name that is often used here at Zion Chapel is David. David is a Hebrew name that means "beloved one."

Other names that were frequently found were Lisa, Theresa, Michael or Mike, Steven, Stephen or Steve, Kathy and what we found was so interesting that we decided to share it with everybody.

Michael is a Hebrew name that means "one who is like the Lord." Mike, Micky, Mick and Mitch are nicknames.

Steven or Stephen is a name that was long popular among Christian saints and monarchs. It is a Greek name that means "a crown." Stephanie and Steffi are girl's names that are derived from Steven. Nicknames are Steve and Stevie.

Kathy, Kathie, Kitty are all diminutives of Kathryn or Katherine and their manifold variations. The meaning of course, is "pure." It is a Greek word and may also mean "rejoice."

Daniel is a Hebrew word that means "God is my judge." No name, it's said, has had a more colorful life. There was Shakespeare's memorable "A Daniel has come to judgement," in THE MERCHANT OF VENICE; there was Daniel Defoe, who wrote ROBINSON CRUSOE; Daniel Webster, legal genius and great orator; Daniel Boone, Kentucky frontiersman and pioneer American legend; and others.

If knowing what your name means interests you, let us know and we will have future articles on the origin and meaning of names.

The source for this article was WHAT'S IN A NAME By FAVUS FRIEDMAN.

from each student a little note telling him how much they had enjoyed the book and telling him of the things they possessed that they would like to keep in their memory because of the meaning of the name. Some students mentioned certain toys given to them by people they considered special. Other students wrote poems for him. And others told him of certain persons who had meant something special in their lives.

And then in a few days, a bundle of letters came to the school. Each student had received an individual reply from Mr. George Dopplegang, himself, with comments on the things they had mentioned in their letter and so did the teacher! Also, other characters in the books sent messages to some of the students.

All this happened in reading, taught by Mrs. Opal Stinson.

Extravagant spending may seem a bit distasteful. But if it buys a memory. Such spending is not wasteful. And every purchased rose. Leave memories sweet to cherish. And fragrance of memories. Long after roses perish. Love is a spend-thrift thing. Giving, always giving. And wise is he who buys. Some memories worth re-living.

Students Write To 'The Dopplegang'

Story characters really did "come alive" for this group of reading students! Mr. George Dopplegang, one of the favorite characters in the book "The Dopplegang" received

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Cutest Couple

Weeden Vann Madge Grantham

Basketball Spotlight

"DUNK IT FOOTS!!" If you've ever been to a Zion Chapel basketball game, you've probably heard this before. They are all, talking about senior player, Lee Liptrot. Lee is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leevy Liptrot, of Rt. 2, Brundage.

Lee has been playing basketball for 6 years - 3 years at New Hope and his last three years at Z.C. He is a six-foot-three forward and averages about 8 points per game.

Other sports that he likes are football and baseball if he's watching them on T.V.

Lee said, "I've enjoyed playing this year and

Women's Page

Whitmans To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Flornoy Whitman will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 3. Their children and grandchildren will honor them with a reception in their home on North Clayton Avenue in Elba from two until four o'clock P.M.

Miss Wood Named General Mills Winner

Janet Layne Wood, 17, a senior at Charles Henderson High School, Troy, has been named Alabama's 1977 General Mills Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Chosen from 604 seniors in 305 of the state's high schools, Miss Wood will receive a \$1500 college scholarship from General Mills, sponsor of the annual Search for Leadership in Family Living educational program. Additionally, she remains eligible for one of four national scholarship awards to be presented in Washington D.C., on April 21.

Miss Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wood, 108 Kaye Circle, Troy. Mr. Wood is the head football coach at Elba High School. She is feature editor of the yearbook, secretary of Future Business Leaders of America and a cheerleader at Charles Henderson High School. She is also active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of Beta Club. She plans to major in home economics at either Troy State or Auburn University.

Miss Kelley, Mr. Williams To Marry On April 23

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Kelley have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Regina, to Jerry Layton Williams, son of B.J. Williams and the late Mrs. Pauline C. Williams of Elba.

The wedding will be an event of 7:30 p.m. on April 23 at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Panama City. Miss Kelley is a graduate of Bay High School and attended Gulf Coast Community College. She is employed with Imperial Furniture Company of Panama City, Fla. Her fiancé is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy State University. He is employed with Arizona Chemical Company of Panama City.

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Gleaners W.M.U. Honor Miss Spicer

Miss Sandy Spicer was honored March 15th by the Gleaners' W.M.U. Circle of the Westside Baptist Church. The miscellaneous shower was held in the home of Mrs. R.D. Harrison. A delicious buffet of various salads was served to the guests.

Miss Spicer is the recent bride of Mr. Kenneth Murphy. The members present were Mrs. Ulna Mack, Mrs. Floyd Morrow, Mrs. James Grimes, Mrs. Roy Parrish, Mrs. Edna Bryant, Mrs. Bill Kelley, Mrs. Bill Mickle, Mrs. Lamar Wilson, and regular members.

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Beef and Water Chestnut Casserole

3 lbs. ground chuck
2 t. salt
1 t. black pepper
1 t. seasoned salt
1 c. onion, chopped
2 6-oz. cans tomato paste
2 c. water
1 c. celery, chopped

1/4 c. bell pepper, chopped
2 9-oz. cans water chestnuts, chopped
2 c. cooked rice (cook as directed on pkg.)
1 5-oz. can evaporated milk
3 T. melted margarine or butter
2 c. crushed soda crackers

Brown BEEF lightly stirring all the time. Add next six ingredients and cook covered on low heat for one hour. Take out 5 tablespoons hot BEEF broth and save. Add celery, peppers and water chestnuts and cook 15 minutes leaving vegetables a little crunchy. Remove from heat. Add rice and evaporated milk. Place in long, shallow casserole. Melt margarine in sauce pan, add BEEF broth and stir together, then add broken cracker crumbs and toss to coat well. Sprinkle meat with coated cracker crumbs. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 25 to 35 minutes. This casserole may be divided into smaller portions and frozen for later use. Serves 10. Approximately 48¢ per serving.

GARNISH

1 cucumber sliced thin lengthwise. Roll into rosettes and hold with toothpicks. Parsley sprigs.

1976 Winner Alabama CowBelles BEEF Cook-Off

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Combined Party Honors Local Youngsters On Birthday

Wilbur O'Neal Davis, Jr. and Bridgett Greenwood were honored on Saturday, March 17, with a party at the Elba City pool.



O'Neal enjoys first birthday party!

The cook-out included hamburgers, hotdogs, cake and ice cream.

Those enjoying the festivities with the honored guests were: Michael Stokes, Lisa Bryan, Tony and Shane Lee, Susan Lee, Gina Harrison, Judy Stokes, Wendy, Brian and Randy Carter, Rhonda Bryant, Terry Smart, Rita and Ashley Wise, Sharon and Brian McGrover, Lori Kidd, Tony and Terry Shiver, Kathy and Justin Kysner, Michael, Matthew and Maggie Vidich, Channing and Kathy Holland, Donna and Don Reeves, Philip and Sandra Sakers, Liz Hutchison, Sharon and Sammy Turner, Tommy Greenwood, Janet Godwin, Winston Shiver, Pete Pettit and Wendy Davis.



Bridgett is shown with her birthday cake!

Azalea Garden Club Met With Mrs. Tatum

The Azalea Garden Club met Wednesday, March 23, in the home of Mrs. Duke Tatum.

Mrs. Flornoy Whitman was co-hostess.

Mrs. Tatum's home was lovely with spring flowers and Easter arrangements. Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr., program leader for the meeting had on display a delightful "Egg Tree", created from a sprayed dogwood branch and blown and decorated "Easter Eggs".

Mrs. Nellie Martin added to the spring picture a festive basket of "bunnies" and eggs.

As the members arrived, they were served cake and coffee. Then they gathered around the dining table as Mrs. Vaughan taught the art of making the Easter eggs she had on display.

Mrs. Ed Baker, president, presided over the business meeting. Mrs. Nellie Martin gave an interesting paper on the customs of Easter.

Those present for the meeting were: Mrs. Tatum, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Ed Baker, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Drexel Cook, Mrs. Bancroft Cooper, Mrs. Mose Hamm, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. D. McCreary, Mrs. Boyd Murphy, Mrs. F. H. Murphy, Mrs. Price Ringo, Mrs. Oscar Vaughan, Jr., Mrs. Robert Davis, and Mrs. K. W. Anderson.

Brown Family Enjoys Birthday Celebration

The Richard Brown family of Rt. 1, Elba, enjoyed a family birthday celebration this past Sunday. Many of their relatives came to enjoy the occasion, and had a bountiful dinner and birthday cake.

All three of the Browns' sons have birthdays within a month. Richie, Troy and Scott, as well as their grandfather, Mr. Fred Brown of Laverne.

Dates and ages are: Richie, March 18 - 16; Troy, March 6 - 14; Scott, March 27 - 8; and Mr. Brown, March 7 - 74. Those visiting and having a good time together were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Colbert Brown and family.

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Elba Students Attend State Music Festival

These three Elba High School students were among the 1,500 young people from across Alabama who attended the Alabama State Music Festival held at Auburn University. The event was sponsored by the Alabama Music Educators Association.

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Mike Floyd, FFA member from Kinross, exhibits the 1,165 pounds. The steer is a straight bred Hereford. Mike Floyd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Floyd, who had the Reserve Grand Champion which was a Samson.



The Corn and Feed Grains Committee of the Coffee County Extension Council discussed plans for improving corn production in Coffee County. The committee outlined ways that corn and feed grains production could be increased to support the expanded livestock industry in Coffee County. Pictured left to right are Roy Ellis of Enterprise, Freddie Sessions of Mt. Gilead, L.B. McCall of Goodman, H.L. Martin of Coffee Springs, and Charles Beard of Mt. Pleasant.

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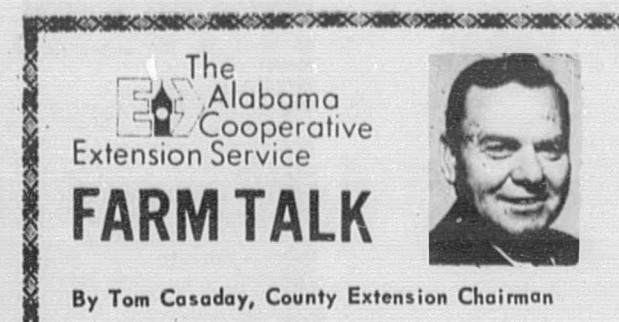
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By Tom Casaday, County Extension Chairman

CORN
Coffee County farmers are developing a new awareness of the value of increased corn production. The possibility of greater yields from earlier-planted corn, new varieties, plus new techniques and the hope of adequate rainfall have turned a lot of corn growers on.

Not many corn growers are going to be satisfied with 40 to 50 bushels of corn per acre. Most growers are going to be shooting for from 75 to 100 bushels per acre and more.

One way to achieve this is to plant the recommended varieties closer in the drill and control weeds and grasses without having to till to deep and damaging cultivation. Excellent materials are available to control weeds and grasses. We need to greatly improve our corn-growing techniques. A lot of Coffee County farmers are going to make that change this year.

We hope to set up a meeting in the late spring or early summer specifically for Coffee County farmers to go into this practice in detail.

Where broiler growers have several houses, their requirements for poultry house litter on their crop lands and pastures are met; and they have a surplus of this excellent material.

Those of you who have an interest in attending this meeting should let me know, and I will send you an invitation to this meeting.

4-H RALLY
The annual Coffee County 4-H Rally will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on May 6. This will be an all-day event with over 1,000 Four-H Club members attending. For the first time, we plan to have a rally on April 22 for those in the Elba Middle School. This will be held in Elba.

Four-H Rally Day is an event which brings both rural and town 4-H Club members together for a day of inspiration, fun and awards. It is a very satisfying and enjoyable day for many of our Coffee County young people. I am enthusiastic about the youth work that is being done in the county and the need for more young people are growing and developing. This year's rally is a testament to a fuller extent than otherwise possible.

COMING EVENT
Coffee County 4-H volunteer leaders will be recognized and honored and entertained on Tuesday night, May 10, at the Enterprise State Junior College. Dr. J. Michael Sprott, Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Auburn, will be the principal speaker. This is going to be an excellent affair.

A lot of young people in the county and many parents will be joining the Extension staff in appreciation for their contribution to these volunteer leaders who meet twice a month for training and 4-H Club meetings. They are doing it on their own and because they want to contribute now to the young people in this county. The dinner and recognition will be a small reward for the giant job they are doing in this county.

ALISON MADDOX, Reporter

4-H NEWS
At 1:30 in Mrs. Crowe's room, we had a 4-H meeting. Our president, Shane Phelps, called the meeting to order. Then our song leader, Don Thompson, led us in a song called "Oh, Suzanne." Then our devotion leader, Jeff Donaldson, read the devotion. Then our secretary, Cindy Bryan, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Then our 4-H leader, Mrs. Kelley, took over the program and the program was to look in a helicopter and our meeting was adjourned till April 11, 1977.

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Alabama Electric To Host Open House

Alabama Electric Cooperative in Andalusia will hold Open House on Sunday, March 27, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at their recently renovated and expanded headquarters located on Highway 27 North.

AEC is a consumer-owned generating and transmission organization which provides Elba as well as three other cities, 14 electrical cooperatives and two industries with electrical power.

The renovation and expansion of the headquarters was begun in 1975 when the Board of Trustees for AEC voted to improve the facility to provide adequate working space for the growing organization, according to Mrs. Charles Lowman, General Manager. Elba is represented on the Board of Trustees by Mr. Charles Hayes and Mr. Ed Compton.

An additional 10,000 square feet of working space was added to the 10,000 square feet built in 1956 already in use at the headquarters. The addition included space for additional offices and work areas. It also included space for the Energy Control Center which will be installed sometime in 1978.

"I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come and visit AEC's expanded headquarters," Mr. Lowman stated. "We feel with the improved working conditions we have a headquarters now we can serve you better with more efficient and productive employees."

As a general rule fertilization should begin at the first warm spell after February 15. The fertilization rate is 40 lb. of 20-20-5 per acre every two weeks for the first three applications, then every four weeks or when your hand can be seen in water clearly at elbow depth.

FERTILIZER WATERWAYS
Do you have waterways with washes or sandbed in places where there is grass disturbed, there is a potential wash, you need to take the time to patch and fertilize the entire waterway. Usually fertilizing your waterway with the rest of the field is enough, but when peanuts are planted, additional nitrogen may be needed, especially in the first three years. Of course, if you plan to use the grass for hay, a better fertilizer program will be needed. Waterways are the heart of the cropland water disposal system; if they are not working properly, then you are sure to have problems with the rest of the field.

HOME GARDENING
The recipe for your homes, shortages, and economic conditions are prompting more interest in backyard gardens than ever before. In a remote shady part of your yard. Instead of overhauling your sewage disposal facilities with garbage ground up in your kitchen disposal unit, all organic wastes such as coffee grounds, potato peels, grass clippings, wood ashes, and other vegetable wastes in your compost heap. Leaves, grass clippings, wood ashes, and other vegetable wastes in your compost heap. Leaves, grass clippings, wood ashes, and other vegetable wastes in your compost heap. Leaves, grass clippings, wood ashes

Sports

Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By, Ricky Mularz

Sports Editor

I talked with new Elba football Coach Mack Wood a couple of days ago and he told me that he liked it here and planned on staying a while. Maybe the "Merry-Go-Round" of coaches at Elba High has finally stopped!

N.C.A.A. TOURNEY OFFERS NEW FACES

The N.C.A.A. college basketball tournament has lost some old friends in its preliminary rounds, and the "final 4" teams still in the title case only Marquette is a proven contender.

Before the post-season classic began, most people figured that Kentucky, Tennessee, U.C.L.A., San Francisco, Michigan, Louisville or Notre Dame would emerge with the top prize. Well, they all bit the dust, and when the tourney resumes this weekend in Atlanta it should be a wild chase for the crown.

I watched the North Carolina-Kentucky game on TV Saturday, and sat in amazement as the Tarheels hit 33 of 36 free-throws. Kentucky's "power game," as co-champs just couldn't quite pull it out. Maybe next year will be the "Year of the Cat."

I missed the Marquette-Wake Forest game, but I know the Warriors would win. Coach Al McGuire has the team ready to play ball, and Wake Forest just didn't have a chance. By the way, did you recognize Wake Forest's freshman guard? It was Eddie Johnson's (of Auburn) little brother. Too bad Auburn couldn't sign the slick-shooting Johnson.

I was glad that Michigan was upset by U.S.-Charlotte because of the way Curt Gowdy fell in love with them. Against Holy Cross, Gowdy passed out so many compliments to the Wolverines that you would have thought his daughter was engaged to Rick Green. Green is a fine player, but anybody can shoot a lay-up! In my opinion, Curt Gowdy must have been obviously picking his favorite before the contest starts, and then bragging on them throughout the game.

I did get to watch the second half of the Nevada-Las Vegas game, and enjoyed watching the "Running Rebels" roll past Idaho State. The Rebels run-and-score offense, combined with their pressure defense, is enough to wear down any team that is not in super condition. Someone said that when the Rebels pass the ball more than once, they are in their delay game. I don't know about that, but I do know I want the "Running Rebels" to win it all!

SPRING TRAINING CONTINUES

The E.H.S. football team is in their second week of spring training, and it'll have to admit I have been down to watch them practice. I've talked with Coach Wood a couple of times, and the Tiger mentor seems satisfied with the team's progress. I plan on watching them practice a couple of days next week and of course, will be at the Black-and-Gold game. I guess the only way to see what kind of team the Tigers have is to watch them practice. See ya there!

SPRING SPORTS ARE READY TO START

I've been putting quite a few softball teams practicing in the past couple of weeks, and that means the season can't be far behind. I have spoken to softball director Lamar Kelley, but I've heard there will be men's teams and about 10 women's. I heard the seasons will kick off in mid-April and as soon as Lamar Kelley lets me know some definite dates, I'll pass them on.

IN CLOSING

The George Lindsey Celebrity Golf Tourney (see related article) is right around the corner, and I urge everyone to make plans to attend. It only costs \$5 to get in, and the money is used to help Alabama's Special Olympics for Handicapped Youngsters. You can't support a better cause. Please make your plans to go!

GREAT MOMENTS IN SPORTS IN A NUTSHELL

A great moment in sports occurred at Wimbledon in 1969 when Ricardo Alonzo (Pancho) Gonzalez beat Charlie Pasarelli, also of the U.S., in a 112-game singles match that, though interrupted by nightfall, lasted 6 hours and 12 minutes.

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Coach Wood Pleased With Spring Grid Drills

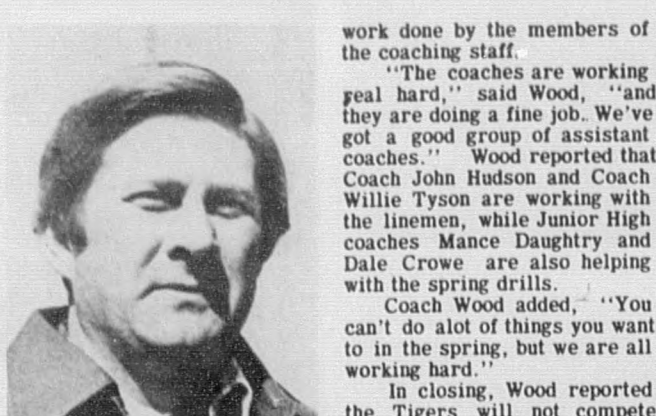
The Elba Tigers are in their second week of spring football practice and Coach Mack Wood reports he is well pleased with the squad's progress.

"We practiced for one week prior to the A.E.A. holidays," said Wood in a recent interview, "and I think we had a good first week of work. Every-one had to get familiar with the new system, but I feel they've picked it up real well."

"We spent the initial three practices working on fundamentals," reported Coach Wood, "and got down to putting in an offense during the latter part of the week."

Wood added that the remainder of spring practice will be divided among offense and defense, plus some work on the kicking game.

"We've got 54 boys out for football," remarked Wood, "and I just can't say enough about how well they've adjusted to the program. We've had a few kids with illness and a couple of boys have been injured,



Coach Mack Wood

but all in all we've had excellent attendance at all the workouts."

Wood also praised the hard work done by the members of the coaching staff.

"The coaches are working real hard," said Wood, "and they are doing a fine job. We've got a good group of assistant coaches. Wood reported that Coach John Hudson and Coach Willie Tyson are working with the linemen, while Junior High coaches Mance Daughtry and Dale Crowe are also helping with the spring drills.

Coach Wood added, "You can't do a lot of things you want to in the spring, but we are all working hard."

In closing, Wood reported the Tigers will not compete in a jamboree but will hold a Black and Gold intra-squad game at the conclusion of spring practice.

"We have no jamborees close by," said Wood, "so we decided not to play in one." The Tigers begin practice at approximately 3:15 each evening, and Coach Wood invites all Elba fans to come and watch.

FISHERMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

FISH PICTURES COMPLIMENTS OF THE ELBA BAIT SHOP



Howard Moore, right, and his wife, Ann, caught these fine Channel catfish on Tuesday last week at the Columbia Dam. They were using rod and reels baited with chad. The total catch was about 70 pounds, and several had been dressed when this photo was made. Moore couldn't hold up the spring alone so Grandpa had to lend a hand, as he did with dressing the fish.

and Young was equally at home cooking the fish as he is at home catching them. The party of four spent the night on the banks of Pea River, near the dam, south of Elba.

Mr. Ned Young is shown dropping a piece of fish into a hot frying pan as he prepares lunch for himself and other members of his fishing party one day last week. The fish were caught from Pea River



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MOTOR POOL

by, Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

Twin City Speedway turned out to be the place to see this past Sunday afternoon as a full house showed up to see the "Rattler 200."

Seven starting positions were still open for the big 200 lap event, so two qualifying heats were run. Harry Deaton and Kenny Price made up the front row for the first heat race, with three other fine drivers in the field. Deaton took the lead on the first lap and continued to stretch it for all 10 laps and the victory. Kenny Price finished a distant second followed by Greg Marchman, Bill Bryant, and Billy Wayne Ethridge. Billy Wayne held on to second place for the first 7 laps, but handling problems caused him to drop off the pace.

The second heat race also had five entries with Wayne Smith and Wayne Newton on the front row. Newton grabbed the lead and held it for 5 laps of the event, only to see Larry Lancaster pass him on the last lap to claim a 1-2-car length victory. Newton was followed to the finish line by Doug Wehley Jr. and Randy Bryant.

The special 20-lap Hobby Class Feature race was the final race before the big 200-lapper. James Johnson won the pole position by having the fastest qualifying time while Darrell "Hippie" was second. Johnson made it evident at the outset that if anyone else won this race, they would have to pass him. Johnson put his #58 in the lead and stayed there for all 20 laps. Hippie Hanks finished a respectable second followed by Tommy Gourson of Kinston and Robert Faller of Enterprise.

With all the preliminaries out of the way, it was time to line up the 30 cars in their starting positions. The fastest qualifier, Ronnie Sanders, blew his engine in warmups, so the front row was changed. Junior Niedecken shared front row honors with Russell Nelson, as each carried times of 16.73. As the green flag fell, Nelson jumped into an early lead, but Greg Marchman's car lost power, which brought out the first yellow flag of the race. The green flag came back out on lap 7, and racing continued until lap 15 when Allen West, who was running in fourth, blew an engine. Seven more yellow flags came out during the first 100 laps, with such drivers as Larry Lancaster, Rat Lane, Jerome Harbert, and Dennis Reese hitting the dust as victims of mechanical breakdowns.

Russell Nelson continued to lead the race until lap 98, when he made his mandatory pit stop. This turned the lead over to Luther Carter from Kennesaw, Georgia. Carter continued to lead the race for the next 34 laps until he went into the pits, turning the lead over to none other than Russell Nelson from Buford, Ga. Only 3 more yellow flags came out in the last 100 laps, with the major one being a 15-lap caution for a crash involving Luther Carter in the second turn. Carter's car was damaged badly as a result of the crash.

Nelson led the last 48 laps of the race and an easy victory. Junior Niedecken finished the race a distant second, 2 laps behind the winner. Larry Weatherford finished third, followed by a local driver, Nix Bruce of N.C. Buddy Hoodless, Scott Carlson, Kenny Price, Doug Wehley Jr., Duane Hoodless and Alton Boyd rounded out the top 10.

ED. NOTE: Jody Ridley, who had qualified for the "Rattler 200," was not able to attend because he was running in the Atlanta 500, a NASCAR event. Ridley finished a very respectable 14th behind the winner Richard Petty.

Troy Relays To Start

Friday At TSU

Last year, John Anderson expanded the Troy Relay's format to include high school teams and a women's division.

His reason was simple. The Troy State University coach wanted to do his part to promote the sport at all levels.

In this, the fifth year of the event, Anderson has had to change again. This time, he closed entries.

The Troy Relays hasn't always enjoyed such popularity. In its first year, three teams composed the field.

Twenty-four teams plus several runners from the Atlanta Track Club will compete in this year's event. Four college women's teams and 10 high school boys and college men's squads have committed.

In addition to TSU, the college men's division will include athletes from Jacksonville State, Southeastern Louisiana, Faulkner State Jr. College, Jefferson State Jr. College, Berry (Ga.) College, Tuskegee, Bishop State, Valdosta State and Georgia.

The University of Alabama, Auburn, Tuskegee and Florida State will send their women's squads.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., the college events for men and women will be held Friday, April 1. Saturday's events begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include the relay events.

Outstanding athletes in each division will be presented after Saturday's final event, the college men's 1600 meter relay.

DO THAN Friday, March 25 Houston County Farm Center BELL TIME 8:00 N.W.A. and Gulf Coast Wrestling Presents

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH Gulf Coast Heavyweight Title The Wrestling Pro. vs. Ken Mantell GULF COAST TAG-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP The Islanders (Champions) vs. Rip Tyler and Sonny King "Butcher" Vachon vs. Mike (The Cal. Hippo) OPEN MATCH Pro #1 vs. Fred Smith

Center in Dothan this Friday, March 25, with bell time at 8:00 p.m.

The Wrestling Pro will return this week to the farm center and should be the best card presented in this area in a long time. We know the fans will enjoy the return of Mike (The California Hippo) Boyette, as he has always been a crowd pleaser and a great favorite of the younger fans in the Dothan area.

The main event will see former world champion Ken Mantell try to capture the Gulf Coast title from the Wrestling Pro. The belt was held up last week after the referee and the commissioner stopped the match. So promoter Rocky McGuire has asked the commissioner to lift the disqualification rule this week. This will mean that the match will continue until there is a winner. After the battle last week this could be rough on all parties concerned.

Also on this same big card you will see the team of Sonny King and Rip Tyler try to take the tag team title from the Islanders. After Tyler's and King's victory over the Islanders, this should be a great team effort.

Mike Boyette will return with a very hard match on his hands in the likes of "Mantell's General" as he is now known. Butcher Vachon has already taken the area by storm in his few appearances. Boyette has a victory on his mind here so he may possibly get a shot at Mantell in the future.

The opening match will see Fred Smith who made his first appearance last week going up against the Pro No. 1. Smith, who won his first match in Dothan last week will be trying for No. 2 and maybe a shot at the top.

We know you won't want to miss this big card at the Farm

Breathe And Walk For Your Life

As a result of a special CHRISTMAS SEAL PROJECT sponsored by The Alabama Lung Association, more Alabamians with breathing abnormalities are learning how to cope with their problems. Breathing Ed-

ucation Classes are now being sponsored throughout Southern Alabama to help people learn to breathe better. According to Dr. M. J. Murray, who designed the program for the Lung Association, "Shortness of breath most

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Mr. Whitman, Mrs. White Named Man, Woman Of The Year In Elba



Mr. Whitman Accepts Honor

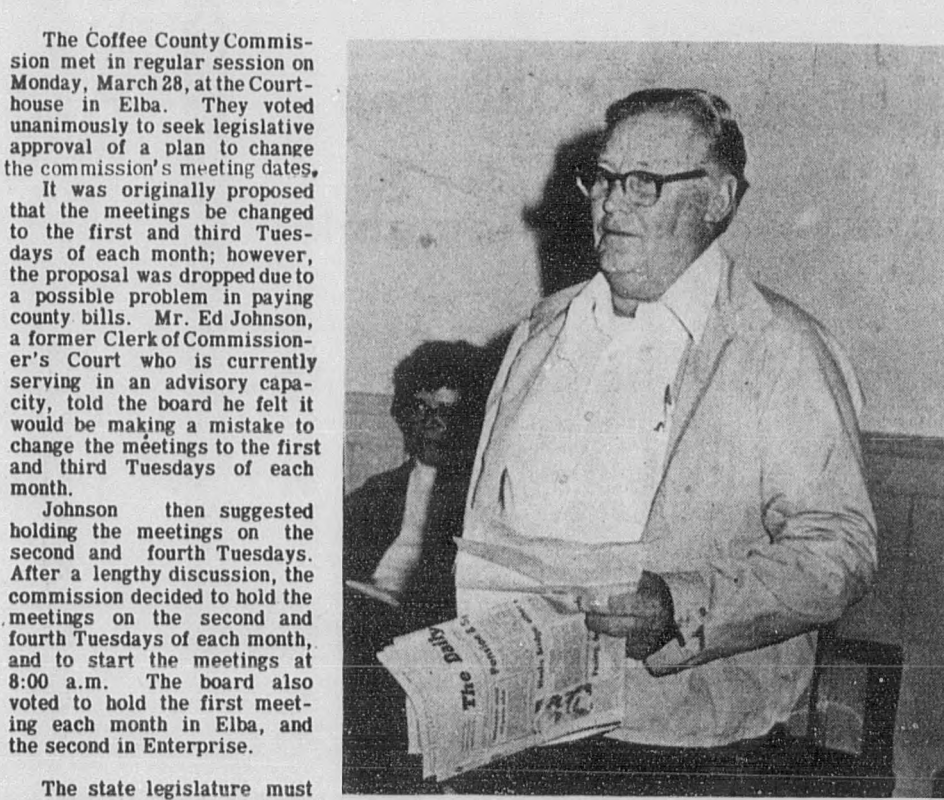


Mr. Whitman, Mrs. White with last year's winners, Kathy Smith and J. D. Lowery



Mrs. White accepts honor

Commissioners Hear Requests For More Radios WIC Program Helps Children Up To Five Years Old



Maddox addresses Commission

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 28, at the Court-house in Elba. They voted unanimously to seek legislative approval of a plan to change the commission's meeting dates. It was originally proposed that the meetings be changed to the first and third Tuesdays of each month; however, the proposal was dropped due to a possible problem in paying county bills. Mr. Ed Johnson, a former Clerk of Commissioner's Court who is currently serving in an advisory capacity, told the board he felt it would be making a mistake to change the meetings to the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Johnson then suggested holding the meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays. After a lengthy discussion, the commission decided to hold the meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, and to start the meetings at 8:00 a.m. The board also voted to hold the first meeting each month in Elba, and the second in Enterprise.

The state legislature must approve the change before it can take effect, and until it does so, the meetings will continue to be held as in the past.

The commission's first order of business Monday morning was to open bids on vehicles to be used by the County Highway Department. The first bids opened were on three (3) trucks (a flatbed and two dump trucks). Dowling Truck & Trailer offered a bid of \$24,000, Cook Chevrolet bid \$20,500, and Ed Shering bid \$20,500. The commission voted unanimously to accept the bid from Cook Chevrolet of Elba.

The second bids were on a car to be used by engineer Leslie Mullins. Bids received were: Cook Chevrolet - \$4,492.75 with trade-in and - Ed Shering Ford - \$5,322.56, not including trade-in.

The commission again voted unanimously to accept the bid from Cook Chevrolet.

Mr. Marvin McIlwain, cornerer from the Elba division of Coffee County, addressed the commission and requested be reimbursed in the amount of \$410 for a 2-way radio he purchased which was vital to needed in his job. McIlwain

proved its worth, and also requested the commission buy a similar radio for Mr. Danny Bradley, the cornerer in the Enterprise division.

McIlwain told the commissioners his job had cost him over \$200 above expenses, and informed them that several counties had placed corners on a salary, instead of paying them on a per-case basis.

Comm. Bennie Beckham asked McIlwain if raising the fee per case would alleviate his problems. Beckham felt the irregularity of the cornerer's job prevented it from being considered as a straight salary type post.

McIlwain told Beckham that raising the fee would help, and all the commissioners voiced their favorable response to helping the cornerers. The board promised to act on his request to be reimbursed for the radio at their next regular meeting.

Note: The Cornerer's only form of pay at the present time is \$12.50 for each case investigated and 15¢ per mile for automobile expenses.

Mr. Virginia Holman of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development met with the board and in-

formed them that her office had submitted a request for Coffee County to receive funds to update a planning study conducted in 1975. The grant would be a \$6000 project with the county providing 1/3 (\$2000) of the money. Holman urged the commission to go ahead and support the program, and told them it could help them in the future when applying for funds.

The commission told Ms. Holman it would discuss the program at a later meeting.

Mr. Rufus Bradley was back before the commission again, and wanted to know of the progress in getting the right-of-way on the Goodman Road. Mr. Bradley presented Judge Sawyer with a list of names of people who want the road paved.

The commissioners told Bradley that getting the right-of-way was a delicate matter, and asked him to give more time to get something done.

Judge Sawyer asked Bradley (and a rabber large delegation) to leave the problem to the commission, and suggested that the delegation might be going about the problem in the wrong way.

Before leaving, a member



Firemen pose with equipment

Elba Firemen Display New Equipment

In the accompanying pictures members of the Elba Fire Department display items purchased from public donations received during the road block last year. At the cost of almost \$2,000 the department purchased heavy duty boots, pants, suspenders, reflectors, gloves and a fire hose spanner wrench for each fireman. Also funds were spent on equipping the army surplus water tank truck and repairs to the oldest fire truck.

Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers stated that the funds collected this year will go toward the purchase of individual pocket pagers for each fireman. The total cost of this system is about \$6,300 according to Driggers.

ROADBLOCK TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Close shot of Fireman Bill Waldon with equipment